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WASHINGTON (AP) - REPUBLICANS BOYCOTTED A HEARING TODAY BY A NEW HOUSE INTELLIGENCE SUBCOMMITTEE FOCUSING ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S OWN SECRET PROBE OF ITS MISDEEDS. THE BOYCOTT FORCED CANCELLATION OF TESTIMONY BY CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES V. STANTON, D-OHIO, SAID THE REFUSAL OF REPUBLICAN MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE OPEN HEARING WAS "APPARENTLY PROMPTED" BY THE RESIGNATION OF REP. LUCIAN NEDZI, D-MICH., AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL COMMITTEE.

ASKED TO TURN OVER SECRET MATERIAL IN ADVANCE OF ANOTHER MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK, COLBY DECLARED: "I'LL DO IT TO THE EXTENT THAT I CAN AND STILL PROTECT THE SECRECY OF THE MATERIAL."

CANCELLATION OF COLBY'S TESTIMONY CAME SHORTLY AFTER STANTON DECLARED THAT HE KNOWS OF "SUCCESSSFUL ASSASSINATION PLOTS" BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY ANY VICTIMS. A SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER, REP. MICHAEL HARRINGTON, D-MASS., SAID HE BELIEVED STANTON'S STATEMENT WAS BASED ON "IN-HOUSE GOSSIP."

WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT STANTON MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN HIS INFORMATION FROM A HOUSE STAFF MEMBER WHO HAD RECEIVED IT FROM SOMEONE WHO KNEW ABOUT ASSASSINATIONS, HARRIGON SAID THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN NO INFORMATION

REP. ROBERT N. GIAIMO, D-CONN., SAID COMMITTEE DEMCRATS WANT STANTON TO STEP UP TO BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE FULL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. "WE WANT TO GET SOMEBODY THAT WE CAN ALL SUPPORT AND JUST GET THIS INVESTIGATION STARTED," GIAIMO SAID.

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HE SAID HE WAS TAKING THE ACTION BECAUSE AN EARLY MORNING DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS STRIPPED HIM OF ANY REAL POWER TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE.

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CALLING HIS MOVE, ''AN HONORABLE ACTION,'' NEDZI TOLD THE MACOMB DAILY IN AN INTERVIEW FROM WASHINGTON THAT HE WILL SUBMIT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE OF INTELLIGENCE TO HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT AT 10 A.M. EDT.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE AGREED WITH MONDAY'S COMPROMISE TO REORGANIZE THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE, HE STILL HAD THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO THAT SUBCOMMITEE.

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WASHINGTON, JUNE 12, REUTER - THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY QUIT HIS POST TODAY AFTER A ROW WITH FELLOW DEMOCRATS, FORCING A DELAY IN ATTEMPTS TO QUESTION PUBLICLY CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY.

MR LUCIEN NEDZI (DEMOCRAT, MICHIGAN) RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING U.S. INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OPERATIONS. AIDES SAID HE WAS ALSO PLANNING TO LEAVE THE COMMITTEE.

HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT SAID: "HE (MR NEDZI) TOLD ME HE COULDN'T OPERATE."

MR COLBY WAS ON THE WITNESS STAND READY TO TESTIFY IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE A SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE SET UP EARLIER THIS WEEK TO HANDLE THE CIA PART OF THE FULL COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION.

BUT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES STANTON (DEMOCRAT, OHIO) ANNOUNCED THAT REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WERE BOYCOTTING THE HEARING AS A RESULT OF MR. NEDZI'S RESIGNATION AND THUS, UNDER HOUSE RULES, THE QUESTIONING COULD NOT PROCEED.

MR STANTON SAID THE HEARING WOULD BE RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. BEFORE MR COLBY LEFT THE WITNESS STAND, HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO TURN OVER SOME SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS UNTIL ADEQUATE STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THEY WERE NOT LEAKED.

HE WAS ASSURED BY MR STANTON THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE NEXT WEEK TO GUARD AGAINST THIS.

A DISPUTE OVER MR NEDZI ERUPTED LAST WEEK WHEN A NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS SAID HE SHOULD NOT LEAD THE CIA INVESTIGATION SINCE HE HAD KNOWN MORE THAN A YEAR AGO ABOUT POSSIBLE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS AGAINST FOREIGN LEADERS BUT HAD NOT PRESSED AN INVESTIGATION.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE, TO BE COMPOSED OF NINE OF THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE FULL PANEL WITH MR NEDZI STAYING OUT, WAS SET UP AS A COMPROMISE. BUT MR NEDZI REPORTEDLY WANTED THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE SMALLER, PRESUMABLY SO SOME LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE LONG BEEN CIA CRITICS, WOULD BE KEPT OUT.

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SPEAKER ALBERT TELEPHONED REPORTERS AND REPORTERS THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING MR STANTON FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMANSHIP.

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COMMITTEE SOURCES TODAY SAID REP. LUCIEN NEDZI, D-MICH., HAS RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE IN A JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE WITH MEMBERS.

SOURCES SAID NEDZI QUIT AFTER HE WAS VOTED DOWN 6-1 WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN A SHOWDOWN ON THE FORMATION OF A FIVE-MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WOULD HANDLE ONLY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE FULL COMMITTEE WILL EMBRACE ALL ASPECTS OF INTELLIGENCE INCLUDING THE FBI AND DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

THE FULL COMMITTEE OPPOSED THE MAKEUP OF THE NEDZI SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH EXCLUDED SEVERAL KEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN DEMOCRATS AND THREE REPUBLICANS HAS BEEN TORN BY DISPUTES EVEN BEFORE IT HEARD ITS FIRST WITNESS. MEMBERS OBJECTED TO THE FACT THAT NEDZI AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ONE OF THOSE PRIVILEGED TO BE BRIEFED BY CIA OFFICES IN THE PAST AS PART OF THAT BODYS "OVERSIGHT" FUNCTION.

NEDZI OPPONENTS CHARGED THAT HE NEVER CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA DESPITE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING INFORMATION THAT THE AGENCY BROKE RULES AGAINST DOMESTIC SPYING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

THE SHOWDOWN CAME WHEN NEDZI APPOINTED A FIVE MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CIA WHICH INCLUDED HIMSELF AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER BUT EXCLUDED FOUR MEMBERS OF THE FULL COMMITTEE. THOSE EXCLUDED INCLUDED REPS. MICHAEL HARRINGTON, D-MASS., WHO HAS BEEN AT LOGGERHEADS WITH NEDZI DURING THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE OF THE COMMITTEE; DON EDWARDS, D-CALIF.; RONALD DELLUMS, D-CALIF., AND DAVID TREEN, R-LA.

APPOINTED TO THE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE WERE REPS. ROBERT MCCLORY, R-ILL., ROBERT GIAMO, D-CONN., JAMES STANTON, D-OHIO, WHO WILL CHAIR THE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND ROBERT KASTAN, R-WIS.

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THE THREE ABSENT REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WERE ROBERT KASTON, R-WIS.; DAVID TREEN, R-LA., AND ROBERT MCCLORY, R-ILL.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS LOOKING ONLY INTO THE CIA, INCLUDING CHARGES THAT THE AGENCY WAS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN ASSASSINATION PLOTS. THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION DID NOT GO INTO THAT MATTER BUT HANDED OVER INFORMATION ABOUT IT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND PRESIDENT FORD.

STANTON SAID TODAY HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF SUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATIONS INVOLVING THE CIA. HE WAS ASKED ON THE CBS MORNING NEWS PROGRAM ABOUT A COPYRIGHT STORY IN THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER QUOTING HIM AS SAYING HE KNEW OF AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN LEADER KILLED IN A CIA ASSASSINATION PLOT.

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"THE QUESTION WAS DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION PLOTS," STANTON SAID. "I RESPONDED YES."

HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE VICTIMS OR FURTHER ELABORATE.

BEFORE THE SESSION BEGAN, HARRINGTON SAID HE REGRETTED THE DISPUTE "BUT WE ARE PROCEEDING FORWARD" WITH THE COLBY HEARING.

HE SAID THE DISPUTE OVER NEDZIS SELECTION OF THE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE FROM WHICH HARRINGTON WAS EXCLUDED WAS "ONLY PART OF THE MATTER."

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AS DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS CONFERRED IN THE CORRIDOR AND THEN MOVED INTO THE CROWDED HEARING ROOM WHICH WAS FLOODLIT FOR TELEVISION CAMERAS, COLBY SAT IMPASSIVELY AT A SMALL BROWN WITNESS TABLE WITH THREE AIDES SITTING BESIDE HIM, BULGING BRIEFCASES AT THEIR FEET.

A STACK OF COPIES OF COLBYS OPENING STATEMENT WERE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION. THEN STANTON SPOKE.

HE APOLOGIZED TO COLBY FOR THE DELAY AND SAID THAT UNDER HOUSE RULES THE SESSION COULD NOT PROCEED WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE MINORITY.

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COLBY DECLINED TO TURN OVER SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT WITH HIM TO THE HEARING BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE.

STANTON PROMISED COLBY THE COMMITTEE WOULD IMPROVE SECURITY REGULATIONS AND "WILL HAVE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS EARLY NEXT WEEK."

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STANTON INDICATED THAT THE NEXT STEP WAS TO AWAIT THE SELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AFTER WHICH IT WOULD PROCEED IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA.

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